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1. COMMERCE IS REQUESTED TO ISSUE THE FOLLOWING AS
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BEGIN TEXT: APRIL 10, 11 AND 15, 1974 THE SECRE-
TARY OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MR.
FREDERICK B. DENT, VISITED THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
BULGARIA. HE AS ACCOMPANIED BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY,
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND OTHER EXECUTIVE AGENCIES
OF THE UNITED STATES.

DURING HIS STAY IN BULGARIA MR. FREDERICK B. DENT
AND THE ACCOMPANYING OFFICIALS WERE RECEIVED BY AND HAD
TALKS WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF THE
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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA, TODOR ZHIVKOV, THE CHAIR-

MAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA, STANKO TODOROV, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, PROFESSOR IVAN POPOV, THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PETUR MLADENOV AND THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE IVAN NEDEV.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE BULGARIAN FOREIGN TRADE BANK ALSO TOOK PART IN THE DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH MR. FREDERICK B. DENT AND THE ACCOMPANYING OFFICIALS. THE DISCUSSIONS COVERED PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AND THE UNITED

STATES IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL, INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AND TOURISM, AS WELL AS CULTURAL RELATIONS.

DURING THE VISIT OF THE US DELEGATION AND IN THE PRESENCE OF MR. FREDERICK B. DENT, THE FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF BULGARIA, AND DON TRAYKOV AND THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA, MR. MARTIN HERZ SIGNED THE FIRST CONSULAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WORKING TOWARD THE NORMALIZATION AND FURTHER PROMOTION OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES ON AN EQUITABLE AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS.

THERE WAS ALSO DISCUSSION OF THE POSSIBLE NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENTS ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION AT AN EARLY TIME.

BOTH SIDES ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THERE ARE GOOD OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOINT ACTIVITY IN MANY FIELDS OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY SUCH AS ENERGY, PETRO-CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, CHEMISTRY, MACHINEBUILDING, SHIP-BUILDING, ELECTRONICS, UTILIZATION OF NON-METALLIC MINERAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ANIMAL BREEDING, LIGHT INDUSTRY, UNCLASSIFIED

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AS WELL AS IN OTHER FIELDS, SUCH AS POLLUTION CONTROL OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM. THE EXPANSION OF COOPERATION IN THESE FIELDS WILL FACILITATE THE INCREASE OF TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND PROGRESS TOWARD PUTTING IT ON A SATISFACTORY LONG TERM BASIS.

THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR READINESS TO STIMULATE AND ENCOURAGE CONTACTS ON THE PROBLEMS OF TRADE, ECONOMIC,

TECHNOLOGICAL AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN APPROPRIATE BODIES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND OF BUSINESS CIRCLES. IN THIS CONNECTION BOTH SIDES NOTED THAT A MAJOR ROLE COULD BE SUCCESSFULLY PLAYED BY THE BULGARIAN-US ECONOMIC COUNCIL, THE INAUGURATION OF WHICH IS FORTHCOMING.

THE DISCUSSIONS WERE CARRIED OUT IN A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT AND AN ATMOSPHERE OF UNDERSTANDING. END TEXT.
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